

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application. However, in view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 1-13 and 17 are pending. Claims 14-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-13 and 17 are directed to elected subject matter. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 3, 2007. A copy of the PTO-1449 is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the Examiner's suggested language to address the issues raised under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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